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Journal of the Special Session of the House of Representatives, which was begun and holden at the Capitol in the ~~State of Ark~~ City of Little Rock, on Wednesday March 5th 1862, in pursuance of the proclamation of the Governor:- which reads as follows:-

State of Arkansas:-

To the members of the General Assembly of said State, greeting

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Arkansas empowers the Governor by proclamation to convene the General Assembly of the State on Extraordinary Occasions - Now therefore, I Henry M. Rector, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, in view of the present emergency and peril which threatens the Country, do hereby call upon the members of the General Assembly to convene in session extraordinary at the Capitol, at 10. o'clock on Wednesday the 5th day of March, 1862.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at Little Rock this 21st February, 1862

By the Governor:- H. M. Rector.

John I. Stirman, Secy of State

At 10 o'clock, the House, under said proclamation was called to order by John P. Jones Principal clerk, Hon. Bradley Bench, Speaker, not being present.

Mr. Saffold moved that Hon. Ben F. Duval be appointed Presiding Officer pro-tem.

Mr. Key moved that Hon. John C. Plumpheys be appointed such officer.

Mr. Duval rose to an explanation, and asked the withdrawal of his name, which was accordingly done-

Mr. Plumpheys was then elected presiding officer by acclamation.

The Roll was then called, and the following representatives answered to their names.

Messrs. Cargile of Conway, Duval, Farr, Gibson, Harris, Plumpheys, Jennings, Key, Mafsey, Pennington, Parsons, Pilson Saffold, Smith and Wheeler - 15.

There being no Quorum present,

On motion of Mr. Duval, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock. P.M.

3. O'clock, P. M. —

House met
Roll called.
Present Messrs. Bourden, Cargile of Conway, Crowell Dunnagin Durrah, Farr, Gibson, Harris, Humphreys Pett, Key, Massey, Maxwell, Murphy, Padgett, Ransom Saffold, Sanders, Smith, Thorn, Wheeler, Williams and Bell— 23.

There being no quorum present,

On motion of Mr. Pett, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 of the clock

S. P. Humphreys Speaker, pro tem-
of House of Representatives.

Thursday Morning March 6th 1862.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called:

Present- Messrs Acree, Bates, Bourden, Cargile of Conway, Carter, Crowell, Darrie Dunnagin Durrah Farr, Gibson Harris Hudson of Jefferson Humphreys Jennings Pett Key, Massey Maxwell Murphy, McKean, Padgett, Ransom, Rison Saffold, Sanders, Seaborn Sharp Smith Thorn Wheeler, Williams and Bell— 33

There being no quorum present,

The Journal of yesterday was read approved and signed, and

On motion of Mr. Dunnagin, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 of the clock.

S. P. Humphreys Speaker pro-tem
of the House of Representatives

Friday Morning March 7th 1862.

House met pursuant to adjournment.-

Roll called

Present:- Messrs. Acree, Bates Bowden, Carroll, Cargile of Conway, Coulter Crowell, Davis Demagin Dodd Farr, Gibson Harris Flemingway Hudson of Jefferson Humphreys, Jennings Jett Key, Massey, Maxwell Murphy McKean, Padgett Pennington Ransom Rison Saffold Sanders, Seaborn Shamp, Smith Stone Wheeler, Williams and Bell - 36.

There being no quorum present,

The Journal of Yesterday was read approved and signed. and.

On motion of Mr. Saffold the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 of the clock.

A. P. Humphreys Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives

Saturday Morning March 8th 1862.

House met pursuant to adjournment

Roll called

Present- Messrs. Acree, Bates Bowden, Carroll, Cargile of Conway, Coulter Crowell, Davis, Demagin Dodd, Farr, Gibson, Harris Flemingway, Humphreys Jennings Jett, Jones of Bell Key, Massey Maxwell, Murphy McKean Padgett Pennington Ransom, Rison Saffold, Sanders Seaborn Shamp Smith, Stone Wheeler, Williams and Bell - 36 -

There being no quorum present

The Journal of Yesterday was read approved signed, and

On motion of Mr. Bell, the House took a recess until 2½ o'clock P.M.

2½ o'clock P.M.

House met

Present same as morning

After some discussion

Mr. Key moved a call of the House

which was had, and it appeared that

Messrs Allen Armstrong Beasley, Bell Boone Cargile of Clark Chrisdens Clayton Cravens, Ferguson Harrison Hays, Hill, Hudson of Newton Jones of Christ Jones of Pike Kenner Loudon, Mitchell Montgomery Pettus Perkins Putman Reif Stokes VanPatten Vance Woodard Wyse and Mr. Speaker were absent without leave.

After some deliberation as to the best manner by which to obtain the attendance of the absentees the following plan was agreed upon

That the Speaker pro-tem cause to be issued writs of capias, signed by him, attested by the Principal Clerk, directed to the General Sergeant at Arms, that it might be necessary to appoint, Commissioners in his discretion and bring said absentees forthwith before said House of Representatives, under a penalty to be hereafter assessed by said House.

All of which was accordingly done, and

On motion of Mr. Massey the House adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock

A. S. Humphreys, Speaker pro-tem of the House of Representatives.

Monday, morning March 10th 1862.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll Called.

Present- Messrs Vance, Bates, Beasley, Bowden, Carroll, Cargile of Clark, Cargile of Conway, Clayton Coulter, Crowell, Davie, Dmagin, Durst, Fairchild Harris Hemingway Hill, Hudson of Jefferson, Humphreys, Jennings Jett, Jones of Christ Jones of Bell, Key, Lewis Massey, Maxwell, Murphy McLean, McLean, Padgett, Pennington Ransom, Rizzie Robertson Sanford, Sanders Seaborn Sharp, Smith Stevenson Stone, Thomas Tucker, Wheeler, Williams and Yell — 48

There being no quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read approved and signed, and

On motion of Mr. Lichen the House adjourned until tomorrow 10 o'clock

A. S. Humphreys Speaker pro tem of House of Representatives

Tuesday Morning March 11th 1862

House met pursuant to adjournment

Roll called.

Present - Messrs Acree, Bates, Beazley, Bowden, Carroll Cargile of Clark, Cargile of Conway-Clayton Coulter Cromwell. Davis Dinsagin Duval Farr Gibson Harris Hays Flemingway Blue Hudson of Jefferson, Humphreys Jennings Jett Jones of Christ Jones of Izzard Key Lewis Massey Maxwell, McKinley McKean McLean, Padgett Pennington Ransom, Rison Robinson Safford, Seaborn Sharp Smith Stevenson Stone Thorn, Tucker, Wheeler, Williams and Bell - 47.

There being no quorum present,

The Journal of yesterday was read approved and signed. and

On motion of Mr. Flemingway the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 of the clock

J. D. Humphreys Speaker pro tem
of the House of Representatives

Wednesday morning March 12. 1862

House met pursuant to adjournment

Roll called

Present - Messrs. Acree, Bates, Beazley, Bowden, Carroll, Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway, Childers Clayton, Coulter, Cromwell Davis, Dinsagin Duval, Farr, Gibson Harris, Hays, Flemingway Hill Hudson of Jefferson, Humphreys Jennings Jett, Jones of Christ Jones of Izzard, Key, Massey, Maxwell, McKean, McLean, Padgett Pennington Ransom, Rison Robinson, Safford, Seaborn Sharp, Smith Stevenson, Stone, Thorn, Tucker, Wheeler, Williams Bell, and Mr. Speaker - 48

Mr. Speaker, answered to his name and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Journal of yesterday was read approved & signed.

Mr. Speaker presented an invitation from the Memphis and L. Rock Railroad, tendering use of said road for a complimentary trip, at such time as General Assembly might appoint

On motion of Mr. Carroll House adjourned until 9 of the clock to-morrow morning.

Bradley Bunch
Speaker

Thursday. Morning March 13-1862

House met pursuant to adjournment

Roll called

Present- Messrs. Acree, Bates, Beasley, Bowden, Carroll, Cargile of Clark, Cargile of Conway, Childers, Clayton, Cromwell, Davis Dunnagin, Estes Farr, Gibson, Harris Hays, Hudson of Jefferson, Hull, Humphreys, Jennings, Jett Jones, Chicot Jones of Lee, Key Lewis Massey Maxwell Murphy McKean McLean, Pickett, Pennington Ransom, Robinson Saffold, Seaborn, Sharp, Smith Stephenson, Stone, Thorn, Tucker, Williams Wells and Mr. Speaker — 46.

There being no Quorum present,

The Journal of yesterday was read approved and signed.

On motion of Mr. McKean an informal committee of five were appointed, to act in concert with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, & make arrangements concerning the ~~Invitation~~ accepting the invitation tendered by the Memphis & L Rock Railroad Company.

Messrs. McKean, Humphreys, Jett, Seaborn and Dunagin were appointed such committee.

On motion of Mr. Jennings the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 of the clock

Bradley Bowden
Speaker, House of
Representatives-

Friday Morning March 14th 1862.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll Called -

Present- Messrs. Acree, Bates, Beazley, Bowden, Barrow, Cargile of Clark, Cargile of Conway Childers, Clayton Coulter ~~Davis~~, Crowell Davis, Dorroyin, Durrow, Fann, Gibson, Harris, Hays, Hemmingway, Hudson of Jefferson, Hull, Humphreys Jennings, Ish, Jones of Calcasieu, Lewis Massey, Maxwell, Murphy McKean, McLean, Padgett, Pennington Ransom, Rison, Robinson, Stafford, Seaborn Sharp, Smith, Stevenson Stone, Tucker, Wheeler, Williams Yeo and Mr. Speaker - 48.

There being no quorum present, ~~on~~ ~~motion~~

The Journal of Yesterday was read. approved signed, and on motion of Mr. Ish, The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock

Bradley Branch
Speaker
House of Representatives

Saturday Morning, March. 15th

House met pursuant to adjournment:-

Roll called-

Present- Messrs. Acree, Bates, Beasley, Bowden, Carroll, Cargile of Clark, Cargile of Conway, Childers, Clayton, Coulter, Crowell, Davis, Dinsmore, Dupal, Farr, Gibson, Harris, Hays, Hemingway, Hudson of Jefferson, Hurst, Humphreys, Jennings, Jett, Jones of Calcot, Jones of Bell, King, Lewis, Massey, Maxwell, Murphy, McKean, McLean, Padgett, Pennington, Ransom, Rison, Robinson, Saffold, Seaborn, Sharp, Smith, Stevenson, Stone, Thorn, Tucker, VanPatten, Wheeler, Williams, Bell, and Mr. Speaker- 51.

The Journal of yesterday was read approved and signed.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following Resolution:-

Resolved- That the Clerk inform the Senate that the House is now organized and ready to proceed to business:-

Which was adopted.

Mr. Speaker stated that in order to perfect the organization, it was necessary to elect an Assistant Clerk

Which did not prevail.

Mr. Speaker stated that it was also necessary to elect a Doorkeeper, and that nominations would be in order- whereupon-

Mr. Stone nominated Mr. Carson.

There being no other nominations the roll was called

Those representatives who voted for Mr. Carson, were

Messrs. Acree, Bates, Beasley, Bowden, Carroll, Cargile of Clark, Cargile of Conway, Childers, Clayton, Coulter, Crowell, Davis, Dinsmore, Dupal, Farr, Gibson, Harris, Hays, Hemingway, Hudson of Jefferson, Hurst, Humphreys, Jennings, Jett, Jones of Calcot, Jones of Bell, King, Lewis, Massey, Maxwell, Murphy, McKean, McLean, Padgett, Pennington, Ransom, Rison, Robinson, Saffold, Seaborn, Sharp, Smith, Stevenson, Stone, Thorn, Tucker, VanPatten, Wheeler, Williams, Bell and Mr. Speaker- 51

Mr. Speaker announced that Nathaniel Cannon having received all the votes cast, was duly elected doorkeeper; who came forward, was sworn in, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Jennings offered the following Resolution:-

Resolved, That the name of Mr. Drane be stricken from the roll of the house for the present, until his case shall be investigated.

On Which Mr. Tucker called for the yeas and nays, which was sustained ordered and had with the following result:-

Yeas- Messrs. Acree, Bates, Bayley Bowden Carroll, Cargile of Clark, Cargile of Conway, Childers Clayton Coulter, Crowell, Davis, Damagin, Dortch, Farr, Gibson Harris, Hays, Hemmingway, Hudgin of Jefferson Hurie, Humphreys Jennings Jett, Jones of Calhoun Jones of Pike, Key, Lewis Massey, Maxwell Murphy McKean, McLean, Padgett Pennington Ransom, Rison Robinson Safford, Segroves Sharp Smith, Stevenson, Stone Thorn, Tucker, VanPatten Wheeler, Williams Bell and Mr Speaker- 51. Nays- 0.

So the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Gibson the member from Ashley County came forward, was sworn in by Mr. Speaker, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Key offered the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to furnish necessary stationery for use of House-

That he be also instructed to furnish members with copies of Revised Digest, acts of session of 1861, and Special Session of 1862, & Ordinances of Convention from office of Secretary of State

Which was adopted

Mr. McKean offered the following Resolution:-

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Principal clerk is hereby authorized to employ any assistant clerk and page, whom he in his opinion deems it necessary; the former at

employed should receive the same pay as the Second Clerk and Page, for the time so employed –

Which was read, and

Mr. Carroll moved that the Clerk be instructed as to procure the services of females for said offices –

Mr. McClean moved to amend the amendment by saying that the page so selected should be required to go without "hoops" so that she may be able to get around –

Which was decided out of order –

Mr. Carroll insisted on the amendment to the resolution pending which

On motion of Mr. Durst the House adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Bradley Bruce
Speaker
House of Representatives

Monday Morning Mar. 17th 1862

House met pursuant to adjournment.
Roll called
Present + Messrs Acree Bates Beazley Bowden
Carroll Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway
Childers Clayton Coulter Crowell Davis
Dunnagan and Duval Farr Gibson Harris
Hays Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson Hume
Humphreys Jennings Jett Jones of Izard
Key Lewis Massey Maxwell Murphy McKean
McLean Padgett Pennington Rahnon
Rison Robinson Saffold Seaborn Sharp
Smith Stephenson Stone Thorn Tucker
Van Patten Wheeler Williams Wyse Yell and
Mr Speaker 51.

The Journal of Saturday was
read approved & Signed

Mr Speaker stated the question to
be, on the adoption of the amendment offered
by Mr Carroll to the resolution offered by
Mr McKean - which did not prevail

Mr Key offered the following amendment
to the resolution, Resolved, That the pay of the
Page of this House shall be fixed at two Dollars
per diem - which was adopted,

The question was then stated to be on
the adoption of the resolution as amended —
Mr Duvall offered the following as a substitute
for the resolution, Resolved - That the House
do now proceed to the election of an assistant
Secretary & Page - Which was adopted

Mr Speaker announced that nominations for
assistant ~~Secretary~~ Clerk were in order, Whereupon
Mr Humphries - nominated Mr Clair Hanley
of Pulaski County. Mr Duvall nominated
Mr A. C. Stillwell of Pulaski County - There
being no further nominations - the roll was
called -

Those members who voted for Mr Hanley
were Mr Acree Beazley Bowden Carroll Cargile
of Clark. Cargile of Conway - Childers Clayton
Davis Dunnagin Farr Gibson Harris Hays
Hudson of Jefferson Humphries Jones of Izard
Key Lewis Massey McKean McLean Rahnon Rison

Robinson Seyborn Smith Stone Thorn
Incker Van Patten Wheeler Williams Wyse Yell
and Mr Speaker 36.

Those members who voted Mr
Stillwell were Mess Bates Coulter Crowell
Dowdell Henningway Knee Maxwell Murphy
Pennington Phelps and Smith Stephenson 11
Messrs Jennings Lee Padgett & Raffoul voted
for Capt. H. W. of Batesville

Necessary for a choice 26
Mr Speaker announced that Mr Clai Kelley
having received a majority of all the votes cast
was duly elected assistant Clerk of the House
Came forward was sworn in and entered upon
the discharge of his duties

Mr Speaker announced that nominations
for Page were in order

Whereupon Mr Key nominated
Frank Lea Mr Jennings nominated Willie
Moore. There being no further nominations the
roll was called.

Those members who voted for Mr Lea
were Mess Berry Bozeman Coulter Crowell Dunnigan Hays
Key Murphy Padgett, Pennington Robinson Seaborn
Van Patten Wheeler Wyse 14—

Those members who voted for Mr Moore
were Mess Acree Bates Bowden Carroll Cargile of
Clark Cargile of Conway Chilcutt, Clayton Davis
Dowdell Dan Gibson, Harris Henningway Hudson
of Jefferson, Knee Humphreys Jennings Lee Jones
of Yell Lewis Massey Maxwell McKean McLean
Parham Rixon Raffoul Rhoads Smith Stephenson Stone
Thorn Incker Williams Wyse & Mr Speaker 37.
Necessary to a choice 26.

Mr. Speaker announced that Mr Moore having
received a majority of all the votes cast was duly
elected Page of the House who came forward was
Sworn in and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr Key offered the following Resolution R[illegible]
Resolved— That the Page of the Page of this house shall
be fixed at Two Dollars per diem—

Mr Pennington offered
the following amendment. Amend by striking out
(Two) and inserting (3)

Which on motion of Mr Key was laid on the table

Mr Jones of yeu offered the following Amendment, Amend by Striking out "2" and inserting $ "2,75"

Which on motion of Mr Dunaginn was laid on the table

The resolution was then adopted

H. J. R. No 1

Mr Tucker offered ~~the following~~ Joint resolution relative to requesting citizens of this State to tender to Genl Beauregard all their Beef & Bread for the purpose of Making Cannon — Which was read 3 The rules being suspended the the resolution being twice read was adopted

Mr Stone offered the following resolution Resolved. That no busines of a local character shall be considered by this House during the present Session of the general Assembly —

Which on motion of Mr Dunaginn was adopted

On Motion of Mr Van Patten House took a recess until 11 o'clock

11 o'clock

House met.

Roll Called and a quorum present

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary —

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that a quorum of the Senate having appeared in their Chamber that body is now ready to proceed to business

The Senate have adopted a resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait upon the Governor forthwith and inform him that each house has a quorum of members present and are ready to receive any Communication he may desire to make in which the concurrence of your honorable body is Respectfully asked. The Committee under Said

Resolution on the part of the Senate Consist of Mrs Pennington & Miller

John D. Kimball
Secty Senate

Which was received

On motion of Mr Humphreys the resolution was concured in and Mr Speaker appointed Mrs. Humphreys Dill & Hemingway Such Joint Committee—

Mr Jennings moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the resolution offered by Mr Stone relative to Local legislation Which prevailed

Mr Jennings offered the following Amendment.

Amend said resolution by inserting after the word "Local" in the first line and before the word "Character" in the second line, the words "Special or private" So that the Same Shall read as follows Viz

That no busines of a Local Special or private Character Shall be considered by this house during the present Session of the General Assembly, Which was adopted

On motion of Mr Bates Mrs Harris & Bowden were added to the Committee on enrollments.

On Motion of Mr Duvall Mr Stone was added to the Committee on ways & Means.

On motion of Mr Van Patten Mr Key was added to the Committee on Militia

On Motion of Mr Farr Mr Gibson was added to Same Committee

On motion of Mr Carroll Mr Farr was added to Same Committee

Mr Humphreys made the following report.

Mr Speaker

The Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency Henry Wm. Ridgely have performed that duty, and I am instructed by the Governor to State to the House, that he will be ready to deliver his message at 12 o'clock to-day, and desires that the House shall be in Joint Session at that time

Humphreys chairman

Which was received

On motion of Mr. Dunbar the Senate took a recess for 15 minutes.

At the expiration of fifteen minutes the Senate was convened.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys the clerk was instructed to inform the Senate that the House was ready to receive the Senate in Joint Convention In a few minutes the Senate appeared and ~~—~~ Mr President stated the object of the Joint Convention to be the reception of his excellency Gov Rectors message which he requested should be received in secret session.

On motion of Mr. Oates of the Senate the Convention went into secret session, and the ~~accompany~~ following message was received from the Governor by his Private Secretary W. M. Mathews:-

(See Document "A" filed herewith)

Mr. President stated that the object of the convention having been accomplished, the Senate moved retire to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys the House took a recess until 2½ of the clock.

2½ of the Clock-

House met:-

Roll called and a Quorum present-

Mr Hemingway offered the following resolution

Resolved 1 That so much of the Governors message as relates to the confederate tax be refered to the Committee on State and Confederate relations

Which was read and adopted

Mr Hemingway offered the following resolution,

Resolved. That so much of the Governors message as relates to the military affairs of this State be refered to the Committee on the militia,

Which was read and adopted

On motion of Mr Gibson

Mr Van Patten was added to the Committee on Militia & Ways & means

The Speaker announced that the introduction of bills was in order

H.B. No 1 Mr McLean introduced House bill No 1 To be an act entitled an act to repeal an act to compel the residence of some white person on plantations on which there are Slaves approved Nov 18th 1861," which was read the first time

On motion of Mr McLean the rules were suspended, the bill read the second time by title, and

On motion of Mr. Gett was referred to the Judiciary Committee

H.B. No 2 Mr Gibson introduced House bill No 2. To be an act entitled an act to amend Sec 204 Chap 4 of Gould's Digest of the Laws of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr Gibson the rules were suspended and the bill read a second time by title. and ~~on motion~~

On his further motion ~~of Mr Gibson the bill was read a third time and referred to the Judiciary~~ was referred to the Judiciary Committee!

H.B. No 3. Mr Dowd introduced house bill No 3. A bill to be an act to advance the bounty, to Ark's Volunteers- which was read a first time

On motion of Mr Gett the rules were suspended and the bill read a second Time

Mr Gett offered the (following) amendment.

Provided— That such advance shall not be made until the Military Board shall be satisfied that said money will be promptly paid by the Confederate States.

Which was adopted— and then read a second time

After some discussion

On motion of Mr Van Patten was referred to a committee of five, the Speaker appointed. Messrs Gett Dowd Smith Van Patten and Humphreys such Committee

H.B. No 4 Mr. Gett introduced House Bill No 4 to be entitled "An act supplemental to an act to provide for the payment of the War Tax imposed by an act of the Provisional Congress of the United-

Dale States, approved 19th August 1861, and for other purposes" approved 18th November 1861— which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Jett the rules were suspended, the bill read the second time by title, and

On his further motion was referred to the committee on Ways and Means

H B No 5 Mr. Hays introduced House Bill No 5 to be entitled "An act to repeal Section 108 of Gouldy Digest under head of revenue Law" was read a first time

On motion of Mr Hays the rules were suspended and the bill read a second time by

On motion of Mr Humphreys the bill was referred to Judiciary Committee

H B. No 6. Mr Gibson introduced House bill No 6. to be entitled an act to repeal in part an ordinance of the Ark's State convention adopted on the 8th day of May 1861. and entitled an ordinance to appropriate money to advance to Volunteers for the use of the confederate troops, which read a first time.

Mr Speaker stated that under the resolution of this morning the bill was out of order

Mr Gibson appealed to the decision of the chair

Mr. Speaker stated the question to be, shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House- which was sustained, and the bill decided out of order—

H B. No 7 Mr Key introduced House Bill No 7 An act to repeal the Militia Laws of this State and to render more efficient the military strength thereof which was read a first time

On motion of Mr Key the rules were suspended and the bill read a second time by title,

H B. No. 8. Mr Carroll introduced House bill No 8. to be entitled an act to repeal the Militia Laws of this State and to render more efficient the military strength thereof Which was ~~referred to Co~~ read a first time

On motion of Mr Key the bill & Substitute were referred to Committee on militia

On motion of Mr Smith Mr Carroll

was added to Committee on Militia

H. B. No 9

Mr Hemingway introduced House Bill No 9. To be entitled an act for the relief of families of volunteers Soldiers in this State, Which was read a first time,

On motion of Mr. Farish the rules were Suspended and the bill read a Second time by title

On his forthe motion the bill was refered to Committee on Ways & Means

H. B. No 10

Mr Gill introduced House Bill No 10 A Bill to be entitled an ack for the relief of the families of Volunteers of this State, in certain cases which was ~~read~~ a first Time.

On motion of Mr Gill the rules were Suspended & the bill read a Second time by title

On his forther motion the bill was refered to Committee on ways & Means

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secty -

Mr President

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed Senate bill No 1. To be entitled an ack to prevent the distilation of grain in this State, into Spirituous liquors

Which is herewith transmitted for the assent of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

John D Kimbro
Secty Senate

Which was received

H. B. No 11

Mr Dell introduced House Bill No 11 To be entitled an ack for the relief of volunteers Which was read a first time

On motion of Mr Dell the rules were Suspended the bill read a Second time by title and

On his forther motion was refered to Committee on Ways & Means

Mr Hemingway moved a reconsideration of the vote refering House Bill No 4. to the Committee on Ways & Means Which prevailed, and on his motion it was refered to Committee on State & Confederate relations

Mr Hays introduced

H B. House Bill No 12. To be entitled an act for the
No 12 relief of tax payers of this State

On motion of Mr Hays
the rules were suspended the bill read a second
time by title and

On his motion was referred to committee
on ways & means

Mr Cargile of Clark presented a petition
& memorial from citizens of Clark County relative
to relief to tax payers of this State which was read
and referred to committee on Ways & means

H B Mr Jennings introduced House Bill No 13
No 13 To be entitled an act to prohibit the further sale
of public Lands of this State and for other purposes
which was read a first time

On motion of Mr Jennings
the rules were suspended the bill read a second time
by title and.

On his further motion was referred
to Committee on State Lands

H B. Mr McKean introduced House Bill No 14.
No 14 To be entitled an act to repeal Sec 15. of Chapter
101 of Art. 6. and also an act amendatory of said
Section 15. Which was read a first time, and

On motion of Mr McKean
the rules were suspended the bill read a second
time by title and

On motion of Mr Key was referred
to Committee on State Lands

On motion of Mr Jennings Mr Bowden
was added to the Committee on State Lands and
Mr Dent to the Committee on State & Confederate
relations

On motion of Mr Tucker Mr McLean
was added to the committee on State Lands

Mr Bates offered the following resolutions
Be it resolved,

That no member of this house be
allowed to occupy a longer period of time than ten
minutes in speaking on or to any one bill motion or
resolution, and that no member be allowed to speak
more than once on the same bill or subject - except
by permission of the House, Which was lost

H.B. No 15

Mr Thorn introduced House Bill No 15. To be entitled an "act amendatory of the Patrol Laws of this State- Which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Thorn the rules were twice Suspended the bill read the second and third times by title and passed

Mr Humphreys called up Senate Bill No 1 To be entitled an act to prevent the distillation of grain in this State into Spirituous Liquors which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Humphreys the rules were Suspended the bill read a second time by title

Mr McLean moved its reference to Committee on Swamp & overflowed Lands which did not prevail

Mr Gibson moved its reference to a Select Committee of five which did not prevail

Mr. McLean moved its reference to the Committee on agriculture which motion did not prevail

Mr Gibson moved to amend as follows Amend by inserting after the word "grain" the Words or "Potatoes"

Mr Humphreys moved to table the Amendment which did not prevail.

The ~~Motion~~ Amendment was then adopted and

On motion of Mr Bates the bill was refered to Judiciary Committee

On motion of Mr McLean the House adjourned until to morrow morning 9. O clock

Bradley Bunch
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Tuesday Morning Mar 18th 1862

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called

Present

Messrs Acree Armstrong Bates Beazley Bowden Carroll Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway Childers Clayton Cloulter Crowder Davis Driver Dowell Farr Gibson Harris Harrison Hays Hemingway Hinds of Lef Hunt Humphreys Jennings Jett Jones of Chicot Jones of Yell Key Lewis Massey Maxwell Murphy McKean McLean Padgett Pennington Rainey Rison Robinson Shoffold Sebastian Shorp Smith Stephenson Stone Thorn Tucker Van Patten Whitley Williams Wynne Yell and Mr Speaker. 54.

The Journal of yesterday was read approved & Signed

H.J.R. No 2

Mr Jennings introduced the following preamble & resolutions.

Whereas the military board, foisted upon the State by the late Convention, is of no practical utility or benefit whatever, while, on the contrary, it proves an incubus upon the full action of the executive powers of the State, and materially interferes with the military authorities of the confederacy; and whereas a continuance of its existence involves the State in much unnecessary cost which can ill be afforded at this crisis, when every dollar is needed for other and more useful purposes; and, whereas also, popular opinion it is believed is unanimously opposed to its longer existence, and desires it should be abolished. Therefore in as much as this can only be effected by the voluntary resignation of its members;

Resolved by the General assembly of the State of Arkansas, That the Senate concurring, the members of the military Board be respectfully requested to resign their positions therein whereby said Board may become extinct, which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Jennings the rules were suspended, the resolution read a second time

On motion of Mr Humphreys the rules were again suspended and the resolutions read

H. J. R. N° 3

the third time, and passed

Mr Van Patten offered the following resolution — Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ark's. That this Genral Assembly do adjourn Sine die on monday next the 24th inst, the Senate concurring therein. Adopted

Mr Bates offered the following resolution — Resolved That the Speaker of this House be requested to appoint a Special Committe of three whose duty it shall be to confer with the ministers of this City with the view of procuring the services of some one or more to act as chaplain during the present Session of the Legislature — which was adopted

Mr Speaker appointed Mess Bates Tucker & Humphrey as such Committee

Mr Hemingway offered the following resolution — Resolved That so much of the Governors message as relates to the raising of Cotton in this State, be referred to the committe on agriculture Which was adopted

On motion of Mr Thorn Mr Coulter was added to the committe on agriculture

On motion of Mr McLean Mr Tucker was added to the same Committee

The following message was recevd from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary —

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body, that the Senate have assented to House Bill N° 15. entitled an act amendatory of the Patrol Laws of this State," and have concured in House Joint resolution N° 1 relative to furnishing balls and bags to Genl Beauregard to be moulded into cannon

Said House bill and Joint resolution are here with returned,

The Senate have passed a resolution to adjourn Sine die on Saturday next which is herewith transmitted for the concurrence of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

John D Kimbrow
Secty Senate

Mr DuVal made the following report,

Mr Speaker

The committee on confederate relations, to whom was refered a bill, to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the war tax imposed by an act of the Provisional congress of the confederate ~~Congress~~ States approved the 19th of August 1861, and for other purposes approved the 19th November 1861" have had the same under consideration and agreed upon sundry amendments thereto, and have instructed me to report the same back with the amendments, and recomend the passage of the bill as amended,

Amend 1st Section 5th line 2nd page by striking out "treasurer" and insert "auditor" and insert after the word "henceth" in 8th line the words the Auditor draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the state in favor of the Governor for the amount thereof" Strike out "Governors" and insert "Auditors" And in 16th line of 2nd page,

Amend 2d Section by inserting in the last line on the page after the word "Confederacy" the word "in such treasury notes or warrants

Additional Section

Be it further enacted, That the warrants provided to be issued under the provisions of this act, shall stand upon the same basis as warrants issued under the laws and ordinances of this State DuVal Chairman

Which report was received, The amendments read severally adopted and ~~the~~ read the second time

On motion of Mr DuVal the bill was read the third time

On the question of passage Mr Stone called for Yeas & Nays: Which was sustained, Ordered and had with the following result,

Yeas— Messrs Acree Armstrong Bates Bayly Carroll Cargile of Clark Clayton Conlin Crowell Davis Dunagin DuVal Farr Gibson Harris Hays Kemingway Harrison Hudson of Jefferson Jett Jones of Chicot Jones of Yell Key Massey Mason Murphy McKean McLean Pennington Rankin ~~Rice~~ Robinson Seaborn Smith Thorn Sinclair Van Patten Wheeler Williams & Yells 39,

Nays — Messrs Bowden Cargile of Conway
Childers Rose Humphrey Lewis Padgett
Rison Saffold Shorp Stephenson Stone
& Mr Speaker 13.

So the bill passed

The following message was received from the Governor, by the hands of N. M. Mathenny his private Secretary,

Mr Speaker.

I beg leave to present for the consideration of your honorable body. the accompanying letter from W. Crawford, a citizens of Columbia County, and to ask that authority be given to the Military Board, to relieve the necessities of the gallant Soldier refered to therein, Who seems to have triumphed over all danger, and made good his escape, frost bitten, sick, and penniless, back to his beloved country Such acts of determined heroism, ought to be rewarded by affording pecuniary aid, commensurate with the necessities! sufferings and patriotism, of the parties performing them. The individual refered to is still a Confederate Soldier, subject to the orders alone of that Government, What I beg leave to recomend is that the Military Board be authorized to advance the Soldier his pay and travelling expences back home, As I am informed that several men escaping from Ft Donelson reported themselves at Memphis and other points, but as one gave them orders or knew what disposition to make of them — To return home then any act that could be done

Respectfully Submitted
N. M. Rector

Which was received

Mr DuVal offered the following report

Mr Speaker

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was refered Senate Bill No 1, to be entitled an act to prevent the distilation of grain in this State into spirituous liquors" have had the same under consideration and have agreed to the following ammendments "to wit" Strike out the words "purchase and" in the first Sec and Strike out the "4th Sect" and have instructed me to report the same back and recommend the passage of the bill as ~~recommended~~ Ammended

which was received

DuVal Chairman

The amendments recommended by the committee were read, severally adopted and then read the second time

Mr. Jones of Christ. moved to amend as follows:

Insert after the words "grain or potatoes" the words "Peaches or any other article from which intoxicating liquors can be made"-

Mr. Crowell moved to lay the amendment on the table, which prevailed.

The bill was then read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Thorn from the Committee on Ways and Means made the following Report

Mr Speaker:-

The Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred House Bill No 12 for the relief of tax-payers of this State, with accompanying petition from citizens of Clarke County having considered the same, report the bill back to the House and recommend its passage.

Thorn, from
Committee on Ways & Means

Which was received, and House Bill No 12, to be entitled "An act for the relief of the Tax-payers of this State" was read for information.

Mr. Robinson moved the rejection of the Report, and

On motion of Mr. VanPatten the bill was recommitted to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith made the following report.

Mr. Speaker

The committee on State Lands, to whom was referred House Bill No 13, Report the same back to the House, with amendment, and recommend its passage as amended,

Amend by inserting the following additional Section:-

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That no person or persons shall be allowed, after the passage of this act, to pay for any swamp or overflowed lands by virtue of any reclamation, and that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed

Smith, Chairman

Which was received, and House Bill No 13. to be entitled "An act to prohibit the further sale of the public lands of this State and for other purposes" was read for information -

Mr. Pennington moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table, which did not prevail, and

On motion of Mr. Dorsal the bill was referred to the committee of the whole house and made the special order for to-morrow 11 of the clock.

Mr. Dorsal made the following report

Mr. Speaker:-

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred House Bill No 5. to be entitled "An act to repeal Section 108 of Revised Digest under the head of Revenue Law," have had the same under consideration and have come to the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to make the change contemplated by the bill in the Revenue Laws of the State - they therefore recommend the rejection of the bill -

Dorsal, Chmn
Judiciary Committee -

Which was received, adopted, and the bill thereby rejected.

On motion of Mr. Crowell the House took a recess until 3. o'clock.

3 O'clock. P.M.

House met

Roll called, and a Quorum present

On motion of Mr Hudson of Jefferson Mr Wyse was granted leave of absence on account of indisposition

Mr Humphreys made the following report -

Mr Speaker

The committee to whom House Bill No 9. was referred, have considered the

same, and I am instructed by said committee to report the said bill back to the House with an amendment and amended, recommend its passage, Amend by striking out Sec 3rd and insert in lieu thereof the following:
Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the several County Courts of this State from levying assessing and collecting a tax annually in accordance with existing laws for the relief and support of the families of Soldiers in military service when from afflictions or indigence such relief and support may be necessary — Sec 4. Be it further enacted — That any County Court shall have the power to authorize the payment of such tax as a part thereof in such articles as may be needed by the families of Volunteers, upon such terms and in such manner as may be deemed best by the County Court.

Thos. H. Hays Clerk
Com. Ways & Means

The report was received, the amendments adopted, and the second time —
After some discussion,
On motion of Mr. Lisbon the bill and amendment were recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.
The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary:
Mr. Speaker —
I am instructed to inform your honorable body, that the Senate have passed Senate Bill No 2. to be entitled "An act to define the 8th Section of the act approved 18th Nov. 1861 entitled an act to facilitate the circulation of the Ark. war bonds and Treasury warrants — also Senate bill No 3. to be entitled an act for the relief of the residents of this State
Said two Senate bills are herewith transmitted for the assent of your honorable body which is respectfully asked — The Senate

Saw ~~Amended~~ Concured in the resolution of the House to adjourn sine die on Monday the 24th inst

John D. Kimball
Secty Senate.

~~Mr Humphreys offered~~
Mr Humphreys offered the following report
Mr Speaker

The Committee on ways & means to whom House Bill Nos 10 & 11. was referred, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by said committee to report said bills back to the House and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same — Humphreys. chairm
Which report was adopted and the Committee discharged and the bills replaced upon the Calender

Mr Duval offered the following report
Mr Speaker

The committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred House bill No 1. to be entitled, "an act to repeal an act to compel the residence of some white person on plantations on which there are slaves approved Nov. 18. 1861." have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage

Duval Chairman

Which on motion of Mr McLean was adopted

The bill read the third time and passed

Mr Jones of Yell introduced House bill No 16.
H.B. No 16 To be entitled an act to repeal Sections 5. 6. 7. & 8. of Clase 29. of Gould's digest" which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Jennings the rules were suspended the bill read the second time by title and

On his further motion the bill was ~~[illegible]~~ referred to Judiciary Com

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have Concured in the amendants of the House to Senate bill No 1." entitled an act to prevent the distillation of grain in this State into Spirituous liquors

The Senate have refused to concur in House Joint resolution No 2. Requesting

the members of the military Board to resign
Said resolution is herewith returned

John D Kimball
Secty Senate

Which was received

Mr Hemingway introduced House
H B Bill No 17, to be entitled "An Act concerning
No 17 Ferries and Ferry privileges" which was
read the first time

On motion of Mr. VanPatten the
rules were suspended, the bill read
the second time by title and

On his further motion was re-
ferred to a select committee of three.

Mr. Speaker appointed Messrs
VanPatten, Hemingway and Stone
such select committee

Mr. Gibson from Judiciary com-
mittee made the following report-

Mr. Speaker:-

The Committee on the Judiciary
to whom was referred House bill No 32 So be entitled
an act to amend Sec 204. Chapter. 4 of Gouldy
Digest of the Laws of Arkansas, have had the same
under consideration, and have instructed me
to report the same back to the House and
recomend the passage of the accompanying
substitute therefor—

Gibson from Judiciary Com
Which was adopted- and Substitute House bill
S H B. No 2, To be entitled an act to amend Sec 204
No 2 Chap 4, of Gouldy Digest— was read the first
time.

On motion of Mr Gibson the rules were
suspended. the bill read the second time by title

Mr. Daffold moved to amend as
follows

Sec Be it further enacted that this
act does not attach or apply to administrators heretofore
appointed - but to such administrators only as may be
appointed hereafter. Which was read and adopted
And on motion of Mr Smith the bill and
amendment was laid on the table

H B. Mr Smith introduced
No 18

House bill No 18. To be entitled an act for the relief of persons holding Swamp Land Scrip which is out of date by existing Laws, which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Pennington the rules were suspended the bill read the Second time by title, and

On motion of Mr Smith was referred to Committee on Swamp & overflowed Lands

H.B. No 19

Mr Yell introduced House bill No 19. To be entitled an act concerning tax titles, which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Yell the rules were suspended the bill read a second time by title and

On his further motion the bill was referred to Judiciary Committee

H.B. No 20

Mr Hoyt introduced House bill No 20 To be entitled an act for the relief of persons who made over payments in purchasing Lands of the united States under the graduation act of 4. March 1854. Which was read the first time. and

On motion of Mr McLean was laid on the table

On motion of Mr Donagin the House adjourned until tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock

Bradley Bunch
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Wednesday Morning March 19th 1862

House met
Prayer by Rev. D. L. D. McKenzie -
Roll called
Present - Messrs Acree Armstrong, Bates, Bayley Bowden Carroll, Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway, Childers, Clayton Coulter, Crowell Davis, Dutal, Farr, Harris, Harrison, Hays Hemingway, Hudson of Jefferson, Hill, Humphreys Jennings Jett, Jones of Christ Jones of Izard, Key, Lewis Massey Maxwell Murphy McKean McLean Padgett Pennington Ransom Rison Robinson Scaffold Seaborn, Sharp Smith Stevenson Stone Thorn Tucker, Van Patten, Wheeler Williams Wyse Bill and Mr. Speaker - 52.

The Journal of Yesterday was read approved and signed.

Mr Speaker, presented the report of Mr D. H. Wright, Special messenger, which was read, on motion of Mr Duval was referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr Jones of Christ offered the following resolution,

Resolved — That this house hereby expressly disclaims any intention whatever in the passage of the resolution on yesterday March 18th 1862, requesting the military Board to resign, to cast any reflection on the ability and fidelity of the honorable gentlemen composing said Board - Which was read and adopted

On motion of Mr. Jett the Resolution of the Senate relative to adjournment on Saturday the 22d instant was taken up and concurred in.

Mr. Humphreys made the following report:-

Mr. Speaker:-

The Committee to whom House Bill No 12 was referred have considered the same, and I am instructed by a majority of said committee to report said bill back to the House with amendments, and

and as amended recommend its passage

Mr Humphreys Chm.

Which was adopted

The amendment recomended by the committee is as follows — Amend by adding the following provisos to Sec — Provided That such assessment list shall be and remain a lien on all the property, real and personal, of each tax payer for the amount of his or her taxes until the same shall be paid, from the time such assessment list shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the County in which the same may be made and Provided further, That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent the collection of the taxes for the year 1861 — or to prevent the several County courts of the State from assessing and collecting a tax for the relief of families of volunteers in service in accordance with existing laws or with any law that may be hereafter enacted

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary — The Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have passed Senate bill No 5 To be entitled an act to abolish the militia laws of this State and to provide a more efficient defence for the same; — which is herewith transmited for the assent of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

D. D. Kimball
Secty Senate

Which was received

On motion of Mr Thorn the report was adopted

Mr Saffold moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table —

On which he called for the yeas and nays which was sustained ordered and had with the following result

Yeas — Messrs: Acree Bates Bowden Carroll Cargile of Conecuh Chesters Coulter Davis DuVal Hall Humphreys Jemison Jett Massey McKenzie Padgett Rice Robinson Saffold Thorn

Stone Wheeler and Mr Speaker 21
Nays Mssrs Armstrong Beazley Cargile of clark
Clayton Crowell Farr Harris Harrison Hays
Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson ~~Hoxie~~ Jones
of Chicot Jones of Izard Key Maxwell Murphy
McLean Pennington Ramsay Seaborn Smith
Thorn Tucker Van Patten Williams & Wyse 28

There being no quorum present Mr. Speaker
ordered the doorkeeper to procure the attendance of the
absentees Messrs Stevenson Lewis and Wyse.

In a few moments the roll was
again called with the following results.
Yeas — Mssrs Acree Bates Bowden Carraco
Cargile of Conway Childers Clayton Davis Duval
Hall Humphreys Jett Massey McKean Padgett
Rison Robinson Saffold Sharp Stone White
Mr Speaker 22
Nays — Mssrs Armstrong Beazley Cargile of Clark
Counter Crowell Farr Harris Harrison Hays
Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson Jennings
Jones of Chicot Jones of Izard Key Maxwell Murphy
McLean Pennington Ramsay Seaborn Smith
Thorn Tucker Van Patten Williams Wyse and
Gee 28.

There being no quorum present Mr
Speaker directed the doorkeeper to procure
the absentees Mssrs Stephenson & Lewis

After some time spent in
waiting

On motion of Mr Hemingway the
House took a recess until 2. O. clock P. M.

2. of the clock P. M.

House met
Roll called and a quorum present
the following message was
received from the Senate by the hands
of their Secretary
Mr President —

I am instructed to inform
your honorable body that the Senate

house concurred and passed House Bill No 4. to be entitled "An act supplemental to an act to provide for the payment of the War Tax imposed by an act of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States ~~of~~ Approved the 19th of August 1861, and for other purposes." approved the 18th November, 1861.

Said bill is herewith returned with the Senate Amendments attached for the concurrence of your honorable body which is respectfully asked.

John D Kimbell
Secy of Senate

Which was received

Mr. Speaker stated the question to be on the laying on the table of House Bill No 12. together with the amendments adopted by the committee, on which the yeas and nays had been called by Mr. Saffold.

The roll was called with the following result—

Yeas— Messrs Acree Bates Bowden Carroll Cargile of Conway Childers Davie Dugal Hull Humphreys Jett Lewis Mason Padgett Rison Robinson Saffold Sharp Stevenson Stone Wheeler and Mr Speaker 22

Nays— Messrs Armstrong Beazley Cargile of Clark Clayton Cornelius Hamm Harris Harrison Hays Henningway Hudson of Jefferson Jennings Jones of Chicot Jones of Yell Key Maxwell Murphy McKean McLean Pennington Ramsay Seaborn Smith Thorn Tucker Van Patten Williams Wyse and Yell 29.

So the House refused to lay the bill and amendment on the table

Mr Yell offered the following amendment to the ~~bill~~ provision offered by the Committee,

Amend first amendment by striking out the word "duck" in the first line and inserting the word the "original" and amend first line by inserting

the words "now required by law" after the words assessment list. Which was read ~~the first time~~ and adopted,

Mr DeVal offered the following amendment to the proviso —

Amend as follows —

The Collector shall, whenever any Tax payer in his county shall make and file an affidavits with him that any person whose name is upon the Solvent delinquent List is about to remove his property out of the County levy upon the property of the said person and sell the same for the whole amount of taxes due by said person upon giving ten days notice of the time and place of said sale — which was adopted

The proviso as amended was then adopted, and read the second time

The Record proviso was then read adopted and a then read the second time,

Mr Pennington offered the following amendment.

Amend by striking out Eighty and inserting ten per cent in 4 sec.

Mr Stone moved to lay the amendment on the table

On which Mr Saffold called for the ayes and nays. Which was sustained, ordered and had with the following result

Ayes. — Messrs Armstrong Carroll Clayton Coulter Crowell Farr Harris Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson Humphreys Jennings Key Maxwell McLean Seaborn Smith Stone Thorn Tucker 19.

Nays — Messrs Acree Bates Beasley Bowden Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conecuh Childers Davis Deval Harrison Hays Hull Jetton Jones of Elmore Jones of Pike Lewis Massey Murphy McKean Padgett Pennington Ramsay Rison Robinson Saffold Sharp Stevenson Van Patten Wilder Williams Wyatt Pike and Mr Speaker 33.

So the House refused to table

Mr Stone offered the following

amendment— Amend Sec 5. Be it further enacted that no taxes shall be collected in this State, until two years after the war ceases between the United States and Confederate States of America

Which on motion of Mr Lewis. was laid on the table

Mr McKean offered the following amendment

To amend by inserting in the eighth line of amendment offered by Mr O'Neal to provide the words "all interest that has accrued thereon"

Which was adopted— and then read the second time

Mr Hays moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table— which was lost on division

Mr O'Neal. offered the following amendment.

Provided— Nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the payment of the Sheriffs and assessors of the several counties for assessing said taxes— which was read and adopted— and then read the second time after considerable discussion.

On motion of Mr Van Pelt the bill was placed on its passage on which Mr Hays called for the yeas and nays. which was sustained ordered and had with the following result.

Nays Mr Speaker — Messrs Acree Bates Bowden ~~Cannon~~ Cargile of Conway Childers Davis ~~Dobbins~~ Hews Humphreys Lett Lewis Massey ~~Pennington~~ ~~Ryan~~ Rison Robinson Saffold Sharp Stevenson Stone Wheeler Wyse and Mr Speaker 23.

Yeas — Messrs. Armstrong Beasley Camp Cargile of Rock Clayton Cobbs Conway Farr Harris Harrison Hays Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson Jennings Jones of Chicot Jones of Yell Key. Maxwell Murphy McKean McLean Pennington Ramsay Seaborn Smith Thorn Tucker Van Pelt Williams Wyse and Yeo 29. So the bill passed

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secty

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your Honorable body that the Senate have passed.

Senate bill No 7 to be entitled an act to prevent a scarcity of provisions during the war which is herewith transmitted for the assent of your honorable body, which is respectfully asked

John D Kimbell
Secy Senate

Which was received

The following message was also received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary

Mr. Speaker-

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have unanimously adopted a series of Resolutions in relation to the gallant conduct of Arkansas troops and the loss to the South of Generals McCulloch McIntosh and others in which the concurrence of your honorable body is respectfully asked-

The Senate have also passed Senate Bill No 6 to be entitled "An act to amend the Criminal law as to Slaves", which is herewith transmitted for the assent of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

J. D Kimbell
Secy Senate

Which was also received

Mr. Carroll an leave offered the following Resolution

Resolved That the Speaker of this House shall whenever satisfactory evidence is given him that any member is about to absent himself from the capitol without leave, issue his warrant to compel the attendance of such member upon the sessions of this house-so that we may have a quorum, and that any member who shall be absent at any roll call without leave shall forfeit his per diem for that day, and if any member shall absent himself from the Capitol without leave, he shall be fined the sum of five hundred dollars, and put under arrest until the same is paid and the facts spread upon the Journals, and published in the papers of this city

Mr Seaborn moved to lay the resolution on the table. On which Mr Carroll called for the year and nays— which was sustained ordered and had with the following result.
Year— Messrs. Acree Bates Beazley Bowden Cargile of Conway Childers Crowell Davis Harrison Hays Hemingway Hull Jett Jones of Yell Lewis Murphy Padgett Pennington Ransom Saffold Seaborn Sharp Stone Wheeler Williams Wyse and Mr Speaker 24.
Nays— Messrs Armstrong Carroll Cargile of Clark Clayton Coulter Duval Fain Harris ~~Hays~~ Hudson of Jefferson Humphreys Jennings Jones of Chicot Key Mann Maxwell McKean McLean Robinson Smith Stevenson Thorn Tucker Van Patten and Mr Yates 24
So the resolution was laid on the table
Mr Duval offered the following report— Mr Speaker
The Committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred House bill No 19. "to be entitled an act concerning tax titles" have had the same under consideration and have agreed upon an amendment thereto and recomend the passage of the bill with the amendment— "additional Section
Sect 4. Be it further enacted. That hereafter whenever any lands or town lots owned by an infant, married woman, lunatic or idiot whether such owner be a resident or non resident of the county shall be sold for the payment of taxes, he or she, or his or her heirs executors administrators, or assigns, shall have the right to redeem the land in the manner now prescribed by law, at any time, within two years after such disability may be removed
Duval Chairman
which was adopted the amendment read adopted and then read the second time
Mr Oswalt moved to amend by striking out all except the 4. Sec which motion did not prevail.
Mr McKean offered the following amendment.— Amended by

including all citizens in this State, to pay 10. p cent interest on the pensions money

Which was read, adopted, and then read the 2d time-

The bill was then read the third time as amended and passed-

Mr. Jennings made the following Report:-

Mr. Speaker

Your Committee on Military deeming it best to facilitate the business referred to them united with the military Committee on the part of the Senate- and mutually agreed to Consider said business in Joint Committee and after due deliberation had, said Joint Committee agreed to report a substitute bill, in place of bills Nos. 7 & 8, referred to your Committee which substitute is respectfully recomended by said Joint Committee for passage to the general assembly the same being first submitted to the Senate- and said bills numbered 7 & 8, and therefore returned to this House and then negation recomended All which is respectfully submitted.

Jennings Chairm

Which was adopted- and Senate bill No 5. To be entitled an act To abolish the militia laws of this State, and to provide a more efficient defence for the same- was taken up and read the first time

On motion of Mr Carrow the rules were twice suspended- The bill the second and third time by title and passed

Mr Jett called up House bill No 4, To be entitled an act supplemental to an act to provide for the payment of the war tax imposed by an act of the provisional Congress of the Confederate States approved 19th August 1861, and for other purposes approved 18th Nov 1861, and Senate amendments thereto- as follows.

Amend by an additional Section

Sec 6. Be it further enacted- That the Treasury warrants, or state bonds, to be issued under the provisions of this act, shall be redeemed by a

State tax to be hereafter levied on and collected from the property in this State which is made liable for the Confederate States war tax under the act of the Confederate States Congress levying such war tax, &

Senate amendment No 2

Amend by an additional section

Sec 7. Be it further enacted - That in case any person in this state shall have paid the Confederate States war tax the same shall be immediately refunded by the Sheriffs or other Collector thereof to the person having so paid the same - which were read and severally Concured in

On motion Thorn made the following report

Mr Speaker

The Committee on Agriculture to whom was referred so much of the "Governors" Message as relates to the Culture of Cotton having Considered the same, report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage

which was ~~read~~ adopted Thorn Chorine

H B No 21 And House bill No 21, To be entitled an act Concerning the cultivation of Cotton -

On motion of Mr Thorn the rules were suspended and the bill read a second time by title

Mr Sharp offered the following amendment -

Amend - by saying that each farmer shall be allowed to make two barrels of Whisky to each hand employed in raising a crop -

Which on motion of Mr McLean was laid on the table

Mr Humphrey, moved to strike out 2. acres and inserting two, which was adopted.

Mr Padgett moved to amend, by adding, that it shall be unlawful for any person having negroes, to plow anything but mules or use any Plows but Shovels

which on motion of Mr Key was laid on the table

Mr Henning was offered the following amendt
Amend by adding additional Section

Be it further enacted
That no person or slaves under 14 years of
age shall be considered a hand under the
provisions of this bill— Which was read and
adopted and then read the second time

On motion of Mr Henry was
the bill was read the third time by title and
passed

Mr Van Patten made the following
report Mr Speaker

The Select committee
to whom House bill No 17 entitled an act to
be entitled an act concerning Ferries and
Ferry Privileges was committed have
had the same under consideration and
have instructed me to recommend its
passage

Van Patten, Chm

Which was adopted. and the bill
was ordered for engrossment

Mr. Armstrong moved to strike
out "one mile" and insert "six miles" which
was adopted and then read the second time

On motion of Mr. Van Patten
the bill was read the third time by
title and passed.

Mr. Pitt from Select committee
made the following report

Mr Speaker

The committee to whom was
referred House Bill No 4 to be entitled "An
act to advance the bounty to Arkansas
Volunteers have had the same under con-
sideration, and have instructed me to report
the same back and recommend its passage

Pitt Chairman—

Which was adopted

~~On motion of Mr Pennington the bill~~
was read ~~the third time and passed~~—

Mr Smith offered to amend as
follows— Amend by saying when they are
organized into regiments, and to be limited

to one month from this date and the Con=federate Pay master shall be the proper person to pay them.

Mr Pennington offered the follow amendment to the amendment

Amend by striking out regiments and inserting companies which was adopted

Mr Jones of Lincoln offered the following amendment to the amendment Amend by inserting the words "Military Board" in lieu of the words "Confederate States Pay master"

which on motion of Mr Smith was laid on the table

On motion of Mr Key the bill and amendments were laid on the table

Mr Bates made the following report

Mr Speaker

The committee on enrollments have examined House Bill No 15 to be entitled an act amendatory of the penal laws of this State. also

House Joint Resolution No 1 relative to Jones Academy Brass and Brass Bells for Gen Beauregard to report to Senate, and have instructed me to report the same as correctly enrolled

Bates Chm.

Which was received.

Mr. Dorsal made the following Report

Mr Speaker:-

The committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred House Bill No 16 to be entitled "An act to repeal Secs 5. 6. 7. & 8. of Chapter 29. of Code of 1852 have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage without amendment.

Dorsal Chm.

Which was read, adopted and the bill

placed on the Calendar.

Mr. Humphreys presented the following Resolution

Resolved That the special Sergeant at arms dispatched by this House, to bring to the Capitol, absent members, be allowed the sum of three dollars per day for their services, and that the traveling expenses incurred, shall be paid, the per diem and expenses to be ascertained by the Clerk, and when so ascertained, the clerk is authorized to draw an order upon the Contingent funds of the General Assembly in payment of the per diem and expenses of said Special Sergeant at arms

Which was read and adopted.

H B No. 22 Mr. Jett on leave introduced House Bill No. 22, to be entitled "An Act for the benefit of Soldiers in the army of the State or Confederacy" which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Jett the rules were suspended, the bill read the Second time by title, and

On his further motion was referred to the Committee on State Lands.

On motion of Mr Smith the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 of the Clock

Bradley Bruce
Speaker
House of Representatives

Thursday ~~Wednesday~~ Morning Mar 20/62

House met

Prayer by Rev Geo Platenburg

Roll called

Present Mupy- Acree Armstrong Bates Bayly Bowden Carroll Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway Childers Clayton Counter Crowell Davis Dorsal Fair Harris Harrison Hays Hemingway Hill Hudson of Jefferson Humphreys Jennings Lett Jones of Chicot Jones of Yell Key Lewis Massey Maxwell Murphy McKean McLean Padgett Pennington Pettus Ramsay Rison Robinson Saffell Seaborn Sharp Smith Stevenson Stone Thorn Tucker Van Patten Wheeler Williams Wyse and Mr Speaker. 52.

The Journal of yesterday was read approved and signed.

Mr Pettus member from Desha came forward was duly sworn and took his seat.

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have passed a joint resolution fixing the pay and make an appropriation for the services of the special Sergeants at arms sent for absent members of both Houses.

Said resolution is herewith transmitted for the concurrence of your honorable body, which is respectfully asked

John D Kimball
Sec'y Senate

which was received

Mr Humphreys on leave introduced

H.B. No 23. appropriation bill or House bill No 23 To be entitled an act making appropriations to pay the confederate tax and for other purposes which was read the first time. On motion of Mr Humphreys, the rules were suspended the bill read the second time

On motion of Mr Humphreys the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole after some time spent in deliberation thereon the committee rose and through their chairman

Mr Humphreys made the following report Mr Speaker,

The committee of the whole House to whom House bill No 23. was referred have had the same under consideration have adopted sundry amendments thereto and as amended recommend its passage.

Amend 2d item by striking out "one hundred" and insert "seventy-five" Amend by striking out the words "War bonds" and in the 5. item

Humphrey Chairm

which was adopted — and the amendments recommended by the committee were ~~adopted~~ read a ~~d~~ opted and then read the second time

Mr. Speaker stated that under the rule the bill should lay over one day.

On motion of Mr Humphrey the rules were suspended the bill read the third time On which Mr Stone called for the yeas & nays — which was sustained ordered and had with the following result, —

Yeas — Messrs Acree Armstrong Bates Bozeley ~~Bowden~~ Carroll Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway Clayton Cowlin Crowell Daniel Farr Harris Harrison Hays. Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson Hunt Humphreys Jennings Dr Jones of yell Key Lewis Massey Maxwell Murphy McKean McLean Pennington Pettus Ransom Rison Robinson Sharp Smith Thorn Tucker Van Patten Williams Wyse Yell and Mr Speaker 42

Nays — Messrs Bowden Childers Duval Jones of Chicot Padgett Raffold Stevenson Stone & Wheeler 9. So the bill passed

On motion of Mr Duval the House resolved itself into the committee of the whole to consider House bill No 13. To be entitled an act to prohibit the further sale of the public lands of this State and for other purposes.

after some time spent in deliberation thereon. the committee rose and through their chairman Mr Duval made the following report Mr Speaker.

The Committee of the whole to whom House bill No 13. was referred - have had the same

under Consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, with sundry amendments and recomend the passage of the bill as amended, Amend by adding the following proviso to Section — Provided, That the faith of the State of Arkansas and all the public lands thereof, are hereby pledged for the payment and redemption of the bonds and treasury warrants heretofore or which may be hereafter issued and said public lands are hereby reserved from sale for that purpose.

Amend as follows — in Sect 2 after the word prescription. Whether by reclamation or otherwise Amend also as follows. insert after the word "reclamation" the words" hereafter made upon said lands.

Duval Chairman

Which was adopted. The amendments were then read and adopted and then read the second time the bill was then read the third time by title- and passed

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary —

Mr Speaker.

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have assented to House bill No 19. entitled an act. Concerning Ferries and Ferry privileges. which is herewith returned.

which is respectfully

J. D. Kimbro

Secty Senate

Mr Thorn called up Senate Joint resolution Commending the gallantry of Arkansas Volunteers was taken up read and Concurred in

H B. No 24. Mr. Van Patten. offered House bill No 24. To be entitled an act. To procure arms for the use of the Soldiery of this State. Which was read the first time Mr Van Patten moved to suspend the rules and put the bill on its second reading which did not prevail. and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

Mr Bates, made the following report

Mr Speaker.

The committee on enrollments have examined House bill No 4. Entitled an act to provide for the payment of the war tax imposed by an act of the provisional Congress of the confederate States

And have instructed me to report the same correctly enrolled.

Bates chairman

Which was received

Mr Harrison called up House bill No 16. To be entitled an act to repeal Secs 5. 6. 7. & 8. of Chap 29. of Gould's digest. Which was read for information

Mr Harrison offered the following amendment. Amend, by inserting the following instead of the second Section

Section 2. If any person or persons, shall create issue or put in circulation as a circulating medium any note, bill, bond check, or ticket purporting that any money bond, scrip or bank notes will be paid to the receiver holder ~~or~~ bearer or that it will be received in payment of debts, or to be used as a currency, or medium of trade in lieu of money, and shall not redeem or pay any such note bill bond check or ticket to the bearer or holder thereof according to its promise or obligation, whenever the same shall be presented for redemption or payment, he, she or they so offending shall be indicted and being convicted thereof shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars - Which was adopted and then read the second time. The bill was then read the third time as amended by title, and passed

Mr Carson offered the following resolution

Resolved - That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to enquire into the contract for printing blank war bonds and treasury warrants and under what law said contract was made, and whether the printer is under bond as required by law, and also to enquire to whom the plates belong upon which said blank bonds and warrants are printed, and in whose possession they are retained, and the propriety of the State's purchasing the same - and to report to the house all the facts in the case Which was adopted. The chair appointed on said Committee Messrs Carson Key and Harrison

Mr Bates. Called up Senate bill No 6. To be entitled an act to amend the criminal law as to slaves. Which was read the first time. and

On motion of Mr Bates the rules

were suspended the bill read the second time, and
On motion of Mr Harris the rules
were again suspended the bill read the third time
by title and passed

H.B. Mr Farr introduced House bill
No 24 No 24. To be entitled an act to define and punish
Sedition and to prevent the danger which may arise
from persons disaffected to this State or the Confederate
States — which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Farr the
rules were suspended the bill read the second
time by title and

On motion of Mr Humphries, was
referred to Judiciary Committee

Mr Smith made the following report
Mr Speaker.

The committee to whom was
referred House Bill No 22 have had
~~the~~ same under consideration and have
instructed me to report the same back
and ask to be discharged from fur-
ther consideration of the same, as a
bill embracing all the facts has
passed this House

Smith Chm -

Which was read adopted and
the Committee thereby discharged -

Mr. Hudson of Jefferson intro-
duced (on leave) House Bill No 25
H.B to be entitled "An act to extend the
No 25 time of for filing assessment lists
and making census returns - which
was read the first time.

On motion of Mr McLean the
rules were suspended, the bill read the
2d time by title, and

On motion of Mr Yell, the rules were
again suspended the bill read the third time by title
and passed.

Mr. Key on leave introduced House
H.B Bill No 26. to be entitled "An act to pro-
No 26 vide rooms for the offices of Auditor and
Treasurer, and to secure the preservation of
certain records and treasure - ~~which~~ out before

being read the House
On motion of Mr McLean took a
recess until 2, o'clock

2 o'clock

House met
Roll called and a quorum present—
Mr Speaker stated the question
to be the reading of House Bill No 26,
which was read the first time.
On motion of Mr. Key the rules
were suspended, the bill read the
second time—
Mr. Key moved to amend by
striking out the second section, which
prevailed—and
On motion of Mr. Key the rules
were again suspended, the bill read
the third time by title and passed—
Mr [illegible] moved a re-
consideration of the vote refusing to sus-
pend the rules for the second reading
of House Bill No 24 which prevailed
And the Bill was read the second
time.
Mr VanPatten moved to amend
by saying that this act shall not be so construed as
to prevent the Head of every family from keeping or
retaining one gun. adopted and read the second
time
Mr Dafforn offered the following amendment.
provided the fair value is paid for such guns
before said guns are taken
Mr Thorn offered the following
as a substitute for the amendment.
That all arms
taken from citizens shall be valued by three disinterest-
ed persons, which was adopted. ~~and then~~ made part
of the bill by adoption and then read the second
time
Mr Coulter offered the following amendment
That no gun shall be taken unless it comes up to
the army requisitions as to size of bore and thickness

of barrow

Mr Smith offered the following amendment to the amendment.— Amend by saying that when the gun is taken that the parties taking the same shall give a receipt for the same so as the parties may draw pay for his or her gun. which was adopted and the amendment as amended was adopted and read the second time

Mr Sellers moved to refer the bill and amendments to committee on military affairs, which motion did not prevail

Mr Childers offered the following amendment. Amend the section and by said Sheriff shall receipt said owner and the military Board shall pay for the same to said owner. which

[redacted]tion of Mr McLean was laid on the table,

Mr Pennington offered the following amendment. That such payments shall be made through the military Board. which

On motion of Mr McLean was laid on the table

Mr Daffold offered the following amendment.

Section Be it further enacted That so much of the constitution of this State which says that no person shall be deprived of property &c except by the Judgement of his peers or the law of the land be and the same is hereby repealed

Which on motion of Mr Humphreys was laid on the Table

Mr Van Patten moved the rules be suspended and the bill read the third time and called the previous question

Mr Speaker stated that the ~~previous~~ question be put, which was decided in the affirmative

Mr Speaker stated the question to be on the suspension of the rules The rules were suspended. the bill read the third time by title.

On ~~motion~~ question of passage Mr Chaney called for ayes and nays

which was sustained. ordered and had with the following result—

Yeas — Mssrs Acree Armstrong Bazley Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway Cornelius Davis Garr Harris Harrison Hays Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson Hurst Humphreys Jones of Chicot Jones of Yell Key Massey Mayton Murphy McKean McLean Pennington Pettus Ramsay Rison Robinson Seaborn Smith Thorn Tucker Van Patten Williams Yell and Mr Speaker 36.

Nays — Mssrs Bates Bowden Carroll Chesley Clayton Crowell DuVal Jennings Lett Lewis Padgett Saffold Sharp Wheeler and Wyse 15

So the bill passed

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary

Mr Speaker —

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have rejected House Bill No 19, entitled an act Concerning tax titles which is herewith returned

The Senate have assented to House bill No 21, entitled an act Concerning the cultivation of Cotton; which is also herewith returned,

The Senate have amended & passed House bill No 23, entitled an act making appropriation to pay the Confederate tax and for other purposes; which is herewith returned with the amendments attached for the consideration of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

The Senate have adopted a Joint resolution - fixing the pay of officers of the present General assembly, which is herewith transmitted for the concurrence of your honorable body, which is respectfully asked

J D Kimball
Secty Senate

which was received.

The following message was also received — Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have passed House bill No / entitled an act to repeal

an act to compel the residence of some white person on plantations on which there slaves
approved Nov. 18th 1861. Said bill is herewith returned

John L Kimball
Secty Senate

Which was received

Mr Crowell, introduced the following preamble and resolution—

Whereas— Mr Carson the door Keeper having performed all duties belonging to his office as principal and assistant—
Therefore be it, resolved by the House of Representatives
That Mr Carson be allowed the Sum of $45.00 forty five dollars for performing such extra Services
which was adopted—

Mr Safford offered the following resolution

Resolved— That no more bills be received in this House during the present Session, which

On motion of Mr Jones of Chicot was laid on the table.

Mr McKean made the following report. Mr Speaker

The committee that was appointed pending the organization of the House have had under consideration, the resolution of the Memphis and Little Rock Rail Road agent Mr Palmer and having considered the same and in consequence of the disturbed condition of the country would most respectfully decline the very polite invitation extended to the members of this House— But in return would offer the agent and through him to the company our sincere thanks for the invitation

McKean Chairman

Which was adopted

HB No 26. Mr Jones of Chicot, Introduced House bill No 26. To be entitled an act to authorize and require the burning of Cotton likely to fall into the hands of United States officers or citizens, which was read the first time

Mr Dell moved to reject the bill Mr Speaker being unable to decide upon the question ordered the vote to be called which was done

with the following result
Yeas — Myers Acree Bates Bowden Cargile
of clark Cargile of Conway Clayton Crowell
Hays Jennings Little Key, ~~Lewis Massey~~
~~McLean Pennington~~ Maxwell, Murphy
McKean, Pettus Caffold, Seaborn Sharp
Smith VanPatten Wheeler Williams
Myers and Mr Speaker - 24

Nays - Messrs Armstrong Beazley Carroll
Coulter Davie Dorsal Fant Harris
Harrison Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson
Hudg Humphreys Jones of Calhoun Jones
of Lee Lewis Massey McLean Penny
Ivy Ransom Rison Robinson Stevenson
Thorn Tucker and Yeel - 26 - .

There being no quorum present
Mr Speaker directed the doorkeeper to
procure the attendance of the absentees
Messrs Padgett, Childers and Stone

After some time spent in
waiting Mr. Doorkeeper returned and
reported Messrs Childers and Padgett
not found - that he had found Mr.
Stone, who stated that he had given his
last vote in the house, and would leave
for home in the morning :-

The following message was
received from the Senate by the hands of their Secty

Mr Speaker.

I am ~~requested to inform~~ instructed by the Senate to request the return of House Bill No 23 to be entitled "An act making appropriations to pay the Confederate tax and for other purposes" for their further consideration

John D Pickett
Secy Senate

Which was received -

~~Mr Cain~~ motion of Mr. Jones of Lee the House ~~took~~ a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

7. O'clock P.M

House met -
Roll called,

Mr Childers asked and obtained leave
for Mr Wyse in consequence of indisposition
There being no quorum present.

On motion of Mr Dett
the House adjourned until tomorrow Morning
8 O'Clock,

S Bradley Bunch
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Friday Morning March 21. 1862

House met.

Roll called

Present — Impey — Acree Armstrong Bates
Bayley Bowden Carroll Cargile of Clark
Cargile of Conway Childers Clayton Coulter Crowell
Davis Dunlap Hart Harris Harrison Hays
Henning Wm Henderson of Jefferson Hull
Humphreys Jett Jones of Chicot Jones of Green
Key Lewis Mann Maxwell Murphy McKean
McLean Padgett Pennington Peters Perkins
Ramsay Robinson Safford Seaborn Sharp
Smith Stevenson Thorn Tucker Van Patten
Wheeler Williams Wyse Yell and Mr Speaker 51

Mr Jett withdrew his motion to reject House bill No 26.

~~On motion of Mr Jones of Chicot~~
~~the rules were~~ Mr Jones of Chicot moved to suspend the rules, that the bill might be read the second time — which did not prevail, and bill placed on calendar

Mr Smith called up Senate resolution — fixing pay of officers of General assembly, which was ordered engrossed and also Senate Resolution to pay special messengers sent to bring in absent members which was also concurred in.

The Senate Calendar was then taken up —
Senate bill No 2 — An act to define the 8th Sect of act approved 18th Nov 1861, entitled an act to facilitate the circulation of Arkansas war bonds and treasury warrants — which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Humphreys the rules were suspended and the bill read the second time by title. and

On his further motion the rules were again suspended, the bill read the third time and passed

Senate bill No 3, was then taken up — An act for relief of residents of this State — which was read the first time,

On motion of Mr Jett the rules were suspended the bill read the second time and

On motion of Mr Smith the rules were again suspended the bill read the third time and passed

Senate bill No 7, was then taken up was read and placed on calendar —

The House Calendar was then taken up House bill No 10 was taken up to be entitled an act for the relief of families of Volunteers of this State in certain cases, which was read the third time and passed

House bill No 11. was then taken up to be entitled an act for the relief of Volunteers which was read the third time and not passed

Mr Farr made the following report

Mr Speaker.

The committee to whom was refered House bill No 24 have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report back the same with the following amendment Strike out the second and third Sections and recommend its passage as amended

Farr

of Judiciary Com

which was adopted ~~amended and adopted and~~ ~~thereunto~~ the amendment read and adopted and then read the second time and passed

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body, that the Senate have assented to House bill No 13 entitled an act to prohibit the further sale of the public lands of this State and for other purposes

And House bill No 26. entitled an act to provide rooms for the offices of auditor and Treasurer and to secure the preservation of certain records and treasure - Both of said bills are herewith returned The Senate have passed with amendments. House bill. No 23. to be entitled an act making appropriation to pay the confederate tax and for other purposes which is herewith returned -

The Senate have amended and assented to House bill No 16. entitled an act to repeal Secs. 5. 6. 7 & 8. of Chap 29. of Gouldy Digest which bill is herewith returned with the amendment attached for the concurrence of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

The Senate have adopted a Joint Resolution. Relative to the printing of the proprietors of Treasury warrants. and war bonds

which is herewith transmitted for the adoption of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

The Senate have rejected House bill No 12 to be entitled an act for the relief of the tax payers of this state - and

House Bill No 25, to be entitled an act to extend the time for filing assessments lists and making census returns,

Said Two rejected House bills are herewith returned

Which was received

John D Kimball
Secty Senate

The following message was also received

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have annulled and assented to House bill No 24. to be entitled an act to procure arms for the use of the Soldiers of this State which is herewith returned with it amendments attached for the consideration of your honorable body which is respectfully asked

The Senate have passed Senate bill No 9. entitled an act to promote the manufacture of Salt in this State which is herewith transmitted for the assent of your honorable body which is respectfully asked-

Which was received

John D Kimball
Secty Senate

The following message was received from the Governor. by the hands of his private Secretary

W M Mathews

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by ~~inform~~ the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the 21st day of March 1862 he approved and Signed the following acts "to wit" An act amendatory of the Patrol Laws of this State An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to provide for the payment of the war tax imposed by an act of the provisional Congress of the confederate States approved 19 August 1861. and for other purposes approved 18th Nov. 1861. Also House Joint resolution in relation to furnishing Belts and Brass to be converted into cannon

which was received

W. M. Mathews
Asst. Secty

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Clerk

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have assented to House bill No 10. to be entitled an act for the relief of the families of volunteers of this State in certain cases; which is herewith returned

John D Kimball
Secty Senate.

Which was received
On motion of Mr Smith
House bill No 23. was taken up— entitled an act Making Appropriations to pay the Confederate tax and for other purposes and Senate amendments thereto as follows— additional item Senate amendments— add another item 5th. That the sum of Five hundred Thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for Military purposes insert after the word "members" in 4. item the words "officers and the contingent expences." which were severally read and concured in

On the question of concurrence in the first amendment—

Mr Carson called for the yeas and nays. which was sustained ordered and had with the following result

Yeas Mess Armstrong Beazley Boulin Brown Davis Duval Harris Harrison Hays Hemingway Hudson of Jefferson Jett Jones of Calhoun Jones of Yell Lewis Mabry Maxwell McKean Pettus Perkins Ramsay Robinson Seaborn Sharp Thorn Wheeler Williams and Yell 28.

Nays.— Mess— Acree Bates Bowden Carroll Cargile of Clark Cargile of Conway. Childers Clayton Farr Hall Humphreys Key Murphy McLean Pennington Rison Safford Smith Stevenson Tucker Van Patten Wyse and Mr Speaker 23.

Which was concurred in

Mr Humphreys made the following report

Mr Speaker.

The Committee to whom House bill No 9. was referred have considered the same and I am instructed by said Committee to report the bill back to the House and ask to be discharged from the further consideration

To be entitled an act for the relief of the Soldiers in this State

of the same

Humphreys Chairman

which was received

On motion of Mr Hemingway
the bill was read the third time and passed

H B. No 26. Mr Van Patten introduced House bill No 26. To be entitled an act supplemental to House bill No 23, which was read first second and third times and passed

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secty —

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have passed House bill No 24 to be entitled an act to define and punish Seduction and to prevent the dangers which may arise from persons disaffected to this State or to the Confederate States of America, which is herewith returned

John D Kimbrough
Secty ~~of Senate~~

H B No 27 Mr Jones of Yazoo introduced House bill No 27. To be entitled an act to abolish the offices of paymaster and quartermaster created by the Military bonds — which was read the first time

On motion of Mr Harrison
the rules were suspended the bill read the second time by title — and

On motion of Mr McLean the rules were again suspended and the bill read the third time and not passed

H B. No 28. Mr Van Patten introduced House bill No 28. To be entitled an act to provide for the issuance of a proclamation of election in certain cases Which was read the first time

On motion motion of Mr Van Patten the rules were suspended the bill read the second time by title

Mr Dett moved to lay the bill on the table which motion prevailed

Senate bill No 9. To be entitled an act to promote the manufacture of salt in this state, was taken up and read the first time

On motion of Mr Humphreys the

Rules were suspended the bill read the second time by title

Mr Hemingway moved to amend by additional Section — Be it further enacted That any person or persons who may engage in the manufacture of Cotton Candy shall have all the advantages or privileges extended in the foregoing bill to the manufacture of Salt which was adopted and then read the second time

Mr Harrison offered the following amendment Amend by inserting — To be paid within two years after the conclusion of the present war with eight pr Cent interest from the date of such advancement or loans, which was adopted

On motion of Mr Smith the bill and amendments were laid on the table

Mr Bates made the following report Mr Speaker

The committee on Enrollments have examined House bill No 1. Entitled an act to repeal an act to compel the residence of some white person on plantations on which there are slaves Also House bill No 13. entitled an act to prohibit the further sale of the public lands of this state Also House bill No 17. entitled an act concerning Ferries and Ferry privileges.

Also House bill No 21 entitled an act concerning the cultivation of cotton Also House bill No 26. entitled an act to provide rooms for the officers of Auditor and Treasurer We would further report that the said bills have been handed to the governor for his approval this 21st day of March 1862.

Bates Chairman

Which was received

House Calender was then taken up —

House bill No 16. To be entitled an act to repeal Sec's. 5. 6. 7. & 8. of Chapter 29. of Revised digest Senate amendment as follows — Insert at end of Section 2 — the words "and shall be imprisoned in the County Jail not less than six months.

Which was read and concurred in.

House bill No 24. To be entitled an act to procure arms for the soldiery of this state - Senate amendment thereto as follows. - Add to 3d Section these words to be selected by such head of family owner or overseer - was read and concurred in

On motion of Mr Humphreys the House took a recess until 2. O'Clock P.M.

2. O. Clock P. M.

House met -

House Joint resolution. Relative to printing blanks for war bonds and Treasury warrants - was taken up and read the first time

On motion of Mr Smith the rules were suspended and the ~~bill~~ resolution read the second time ~~by title~~

Mr Thorn offered the following amendment. Amend by saying. That hereafter the public printer shall have the printing of the laws, and that the state shall own the plates On the question of adoption Mr Speaker ordered the roll to be called. When

On motion of Mr Humphreys. the house took a recess until 7. O'clock. P. M.

7. O'clock P. M.

House met - The following message was received from the Governor by the hands of private secretary

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by the Governor to inform your honorable body that on the 21st day of March 1862, he approved and signed the following acts "to wit" - An act to prohibit the further sale of the public lands of the state and for other purposes

An act concerning the cultivation of cotton

An act to provide rooms for the offices of the auditor and Treasurer, and to secure the preservation of certain records

An act concerning Ferries and Ferry-ferriages and also extend

an act to repeal an act to compel the residence of some white person on plantations on which there are slaves.

W. M. Matheny
Private Secretary

Mr Speaker.

An act to repeal an act to compel the residence of some white person on plantations on which there slaves. Having passed both Houses of the General assembly is presented to me for my approval. The relations existing between the black and & white races of master and Servant draws with it impliedly the presence of the owner, agent or representatives some one present having authority and whose duty it is to enforce practicaly Subordination and obedience to that law which holds the negro in subjection. It is a concomitant of the institution itself, so internally blended with its existence as to make it not only obnoxious but dangerous to Society if withdrawn. We of the South hold the institution not only defensible but excellent upon high religious moral and political grounds That the master and the government not only desire advantages from the negro but that reciprocal benefits are obtained by the slave also from kindly instruction in pietys. christian inculcation and moral example to be afforded only by the person of some white person resident on the place a member of the family completing the circle of mutual obligation and mutual advantages beneficial to the master the negro Society and the government If there is an unpleasant aspect in which the institution of Slavery may be viewed it is its manifest tendency of late to aggregate in the hands of a few individuals lacking that diffusiveness necessary to identify each and every household practicaly by ownership with its existence and its preservation The bill I am considering will in its effect remove one of the impediments wisely in my opinion thrown in the way of negro Colonization in our state by non residents owners. The evil effects of which will become daily more and more apparent. But the ownership of negroes not only imposes obligations upon the master to the Servant but he owes as much Something to his

neighbors and their families. Though he may be willing to suffer the loss entailed by the lawless conduct of his servants committing rape murder and arson still he has no moral nor ought he to have legal sanction for inducing by his negligence such results upon defenceless women and children in the community, where there are negroes there ought to be white people even in profound peace now to learn them alone with strong incentives for treasonable insurrection and brutality I regard as decidedly impolitic and dangerous to the peace and security of the country The bill is therefore respectfully returned for your further Consideration

H. M. Rector

Which was received

The following message was received from the Senate by the hands of their Secretary

Mr Speaker,

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have passed House bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act making appropriation to pay the contingent tax and for other purposes; which is herewith returned -

The Senate have rejected House bill No 9. to be entitled an act for the relief of families of Volunteering Soldiers in this State which is herewith returned

D D Kimbal

Secty Senate

which was received

Mr Speaker stated the question to be on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr Thomi. when

On motion of Mr. Champneys the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Bradley Branch

Speaker

Elam Phips

Saturday March 22-1862

House met
Roll called.
Present Messrs Acree Bayley
Berryman Carroll, Childers Cockrell,
Cravens Duval Farr. Harris Harris-
on Hays. Hemingway Hindman of
Jefferson Hunt Humphreys Jones
of Calhoun Jones of Bell Massey
Maxwell Murphy McKean, Mc-
Lean Pennington Peters Perkins Ran-
som. Rison, Robinson Safford Smith
Sullivan Tucker Wheeler Williams
Bell and Mr. Speaker 37.
The Journal of yesterday was
read approved and signed
The following message was
received from the Senate
Mr Speaker
I am instructed to inform
your honorable body that the Senate
have adopted the following resolution
Resolved by the General Assembly of
the State of Arkansas. That a com-
mittee of three be appointed on the
part of the Senate to act with
such committee as may be appointed
on the part of the House to wait
upon and inform the Governor that
the two Houses are now through with
all of their business and are ready to
receive any communication he may
have to make
Said Resolution is herewith trans-
mitted for the concurrence of your hono-
able body which is respectfully asked.
The committee on the part of the
Senate consists of Messrs Askew Conway
and Davies.

J. D Kimbell
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Which was received; and on motion
of Mr Humphreys the resolution was
concurred in

Mr. Speaker appointed Messrs Humphreys. Jones of Chicot and Cravens such committee

Mr. [redacted] introduced the following Resolution.

Resolved - That the thanks of this House be tendered the Hon. Bradley Beech for the able and impartial manner he has presided over this body -

Which was unanimously adopted

Mr. Bates made the following report:-

Mr Speaker

The Committee on Enrollments [redacted] House bills. To wit;

House bill No 10. entitled an act. for the relief of the families of Volunteers of this state. No 16. entitled an act to repeal Sec's 5. 6. 7. & 8. of chapter 29. of Gould. Digest No 23. entitled an act. making appropriations to pay the confederate tax and for other purposes No. 24. entitled an act. to procure arms for the use of the soldiery of this State,

No 25. entitled an act to punish sedition and to prevent dangers which may arise from persons disaffected to this State or the Confederate States of America - No 26. entitled an act. supplemental to an act. making appropriation to pay the confederate tax and for other purposes. And have instructed me to report the same correctly enrolled and I would further report that the said six house bills have been handed to the governor for his approval. this 22. day of March. 1862.

Bates chairman Com on enrollments

Which was received

Mr Humphreys. made the following report.

Mr Speaker.

[redacted] appointed on the part of the House to wait on the Governor. and inform him that the two houses of the General assembly are now ready

to adjourn sine die have performed that duty and I am instructed ~~to inform~~ by the Govern to report to the House, that he will be ready to send in his last and final message at 12 O'clock to day. Humphreys. Chairm
Which was received

On motion of Mr Humphreys the House took a recess until 11½ o'clock.

11½ O'Clock -

House met

The following message was received from the Governor -

Mr Speaker: -

I am instructed by the Governor to report the following act as approved and signed 22d March 1862 -

An act for the relief of the families of volunteers of this State in certain cases

An act to define and punish Securities and to prevent the dangers that may arise from persons disaffected - to this State and the Confederacy

An act making appropriation to pay the confederate tax and for other purposes

And also returned An act to repeal Secs. 5. 6. 7. & 8. of Chapter 29 of Gould's Digest, and An Act to procure arms for the use of the soldiers of this State.

Rich 22d D. W. McKinney

Also the following: Executive office Little Rock Ark. March. 22nd 1862. Mr. Speaker An act to repeal Sections 5. 6. 7. & 8. Chapter 29. of Gould's digest - having passed both Houses of the general assembly is presented to me for my approval The statute proposed to be repealed is that law of the State prohibiting the issuance or circulation of

for these shinplasters as money. The scarcity of the precious metal or lack of small change at this time is the alleged necessity for giving a general license to every body to manufacture money. — And further it is said that the prohibitory law now in force is being daily violated & cannot be enforced. and therefore the evil way as well be sanctioned and the prohibition removed. although it may be true in a few instances that individual paper is being circulated for change, yet it is not because the Law forbidding it cannot or may not be enforced. But because public opinion for the time being seems from great necessity to sanction this practice when indulged in by men whose moral worth and established credit is sufficient to maintain public confidence. The issuance of tickets as the law is now will be confined to that class of persons. and if so under existing circumstances it is no great evil. on the contrary however if the prohibitory law is repealed and by Law Tom Dick and Harry may make money without limit the country must be flooded with miserable rags raging in value from ten cents on the dollar to ten value. In other words it will be giving a general license to undermine fraud upon the people. Worse grievous if possible than to have no money at all. But to this it is answered, that fine and imprisonment would be the consequence of such bad faith, the fine would be worthless to the state if the man was broke, if he could not redeem the tickets he could not pay the fine and as to the imprisonment, the probabilities of conviction in such cases would prove a contingent rare and purely accidental. I think the bill for these arms and others that might be assigned ought not to pass. It is therefore respectfully returned for your further consideration

Jh. M Rector -
Executive Office, March 22d 1862

Also the following:

Mr. Speaker:- "An act to procure arms for the use of soldiers of this State having passed both houses of the General Assembly, is presented to me for my approval, I submit the following objections to it- first - It violates the 13th section of the constitution of the confederate States which says that a well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms should not be infringed. That instrument also declares that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation. The bill in question provides no compensation, the act is therefore respectfully returned for your further consideration

Jh. M Rector -
Executive Office
Little Rock, March 22d 1862

And also the following

Hon Bradley Burch
Speaker of the House of Rep.

Sir:- Having had the honor of receiving the Joint committee of the two Houses, and being informed by the Honorable members that they had no further business before their respective bodies, I respectfully announce to the House of Representatives of Arkansas that I have concluded also all I think necessary to be done in the way of Legislation at present and have nothing further to communicate at the present time.

Henry M Rector -

Which were all received.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following Resolution:

Resolved That the thanks of this house be tendered to Principal Clerk Jno. S. Jones, assistant Clerk Blanky, & Enrolling clerk Eskridge for the prompt and courteous discharge of their respective duties - also to the doorkeeper Carson, and Page Willie Stone -

Which was adopted

The following message was received from the Senate

Mr. President:-

I am instructed to inform your honorable body that the Senate have completed their business for the present session and are now ready to adjourn sine die -

John L. Kimball
Secy Senate

Which was received

Mr. Speaker Bench, after a few appropriate remarks, in accordance with a resolution adopted by both houses. pronounced the House of Representatives adjourned sine die -

Bradley Bench Spkr
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Attest. John P. Jones
Clerk House of Representatives